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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I think so."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"What right has the candidate if the Police Surgeon rejects him? Has he got a right of appeal to a Medical Board?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I think so, Sir, but I shall enquire."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government will call for the total collection of fees he has been making these two years and place it on the table?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"As I have said already I shall go into this question of fees. I am considering it."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Police Surgeon is given the privilege of private practice?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know when the consideration of these questions will be over?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I cannot say."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"For how long has it been under consideration?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"For the last two or three months."

Extension of the proposed amendment of Rule 19-A of the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules to the mufassal.

*175 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government propose to extend the proposed amendment to rule 19-A of the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules to the mufassal as well; and if not, why not?

A.—The question is under the consideration of Government.

Medical examination of motor drivers by the Police Surgeon.

*176 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total number of (1) motor bus drivers, (2) lorry drivers, (3) taxi drivers, (4) professional drivers of the private cars and (5) gentleman drivers in the City of Madras;

(b) what are the special reasons for the assigning of the medical examination of motor drivers to the Police Surgeon alone; and

(c) whether the Government have declared or held medical certificates issued to drivers by medical practitioners other than the Police Surgeon as unacceptable for the grant of a licence?

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A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The office of the Police Surgeon is located very near to that of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic and Licensing. Examinations are held promptly and any doubts in regard to any driver can be settled quickly by personal consultation.

(c) The rule requires that the medical examination shall be by the Police Surgeon.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" With reference to the answer given in clause (a), may I know whether the Government will call for the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" With reference to the answer given in clause (b), in which the Government say ' The office of the Police Surgeon is located very near to that of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, etc., etc.', may I know whether that is the only reason why the bus and motor drivers are asked to produce certificates from the Police Surgeon ? May I know whether the Government will not consider the feasibility of these drivers producing certificates from expert medical people ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I shall consider the suggestion."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know whether there is any particular date before which these bus drivers should apply for medical certificates ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I must ask for notice."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether it is not possible for the Government to have these bus and motor drivers examined free of charge considering the fact that the Police Surgeons are also allowed to have private practice ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I shall consider that suggestion."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether it is not possible to effect a reduction in fees in view of the fact that it is much less in other provinces than it is here ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is not so. In Calcutta it is Rs. 5, whereas in Madras it is Rs. 2."

Free medical examination of motor drivers.

* 177 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what are the rates of fees levied for the issue of a temporary licence ;

(b) how often the motor driver is called upon to obtain a medical certificate and on what occasions ;

(c) whether the Government have compared the Madras rates of licence fees with those obtaining at Bombay and Calcutta ;